

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING RULES)
4(A)(5)(a), 4(B), 4(E)(5), 4(E)(6))
4(E)(7), and 4(E)(8))
OF THE COMMISSION ON)
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION)

Before **STEELE**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND, BERGER, JACOBS** and **RIDGELY**, Justices, constituting the Court *en Banc*.

ORDER

This 18th day of September, 2008:

It appears to the Court that it is desirable to amend various rules of The Rules of the Commission on Continuing Legal Education. The following amendments shall be effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1) Rule 4(A)(5)(a) of the Rules of the Commission on Continuing Legal Education is hereby deleted in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof new rule 4(A)(5)(a) to read:

(a) With the exception of the Delaware Supreme Court's mandatory Bridge-the-Gap Pre-Admission Conference required of candidates for admission to the Delaware Bar, newly admitted attorneys may not claim credits earned prior to admission to the Delaware Bar.

2) Rule 4(B) of the Rules of the Commission on Continuing Legal Education is hereby deleted in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof new Rule 4(B) to read:

4(B) **Basic Legal Skills Requirement**

(1) The following requirement shall pertain to each Attorney who passed the Delaware Bar Examination in 2005 or later:

(a) The Attorney must attend the Delaware Supreme Court's mandatory two-day Bridge-The-Gap Pre-Admission Conference held prior to admission.

(b) Attorneys who have been admitted to the Bar of another state for at least five years prior to the date of passing the Delaware Bar Examination will be required to attend only Day One of the Bridge-the-Gap Pre-Admission Conference.

(2) The following requirement shall pertain to each Recently Admitted Attorney who passed the Delaware Bar Examination in 2004 or earlier:

(a) Within four years next succeeding the Attorney's admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court, the Attorney must attend Fundamentals of Lawyer-Client Relations and two other of the following four courses: Fundamentals of Family Law; Fundamentals of Real Estate; Fundamentals of Civil Litigation; and Fundamentals of Will Drafting and Estate Administration. Only courses offered by the Delaware State Bar Association shall be eligible for approval for this requirement.

(3) Attorneys resuming active practice pursuant to CLE Rule 4(E) who had not completed the Fundamentals requirement in effect at the time of admission upon filing for inactive status may choose to comply with either CLE Rule 4(B)(1) or 4(B)(2). Attorneys subject to this Rule shall receive an extension of time for completion of the Basic Legal Skills Requirement equal to

the time the Attorney had remaining to complete the requirement when the Attorney became inactive.

(4) Attendance at these courses shall be credited towards the Attorney's minimum continuing legal education requirement, however, if the Basic Legal Skills Requirement coursework is completed by monitored video replay pursuant to CLE Rule 7(C)(3), credit limits imposed by CLE Rules 7(C)(4), 4(A)(5)(b), and 4(E)(7) shall apply. Completion of the required courses shall be noted even if imposed credit limits are exceeded.

3) Rule 4(E)(5) shall be deleted as redundant in light of amended Rule 4(B)(3), and subsequent Rules 4(E)(6), 4(E)(7) and 4(E)(8) shall be renumbered respectively as 4(E)(5), 4(E)(6) and 4(E)(7).

4) The Clerk of this Court is directed to transmit forthwith a certified copy of this Order to the clerk of each court and in each county.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Randy J. Holland
Justice